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Sixteenth Annual Meeting

Over 200 people from all over the Southeast Conference enjoyed a fine annual meeting June 4-6. At the attractive (and air-conditioned!) facilities at St. Bernard's Abbey in Cullman, Alabama, the delegates and visitors were inspired by the preaching of the Rev. Dr. Reuben A. Sheares, II, encouraged by the reports of officers and commissions, and challenged by the opportunities that life ahead. While even more were in attendance, the following were officially registered: 97 delegates, 38 ministers, 15 Board of Director members and 74 visitors (over 40 of whom were youth attending the Youth Event), representing forty-three churches.

Resolutions of peace and concern for the poor were adopted. A revised salary scale for our ministers and a renewed study of smaller churches were projected. Growth and church development were emphasized in reports and addresses. The young people met separately and then brought to the entire group a report and a challenge. All in all, it was a busy and enjoyable time for young and old alike.

Our thanks to the officers and staff who planned well this annual meeting. We are grateful to St. John's U.C.C. of Cullman and their pastor, the Reverend George Fidler, and to Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Richter and others of the church for their efficient and warm hospitality. The next annual meeting will face a challenge to be as good!

REMINDER ...

to *Pastors and Clerks* that the 4th quarter health insurance payments are due in to the Conference office by Sept. 15.

CLERGY TRAINING SEMINAR/ ALA-TENN ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

"Church Growth" will be the focus of the Clergy Training Seminar to be held at Cedar Crest Camp near Nashville September 16-18. Ministers will study the *Evangelism and Church Growth Resource*, led by the Rev. Dr. Melvin Dollar. At the Annual Associational Meeting at Brookmeade Church September 17-18 at

Nashville, the keynote speaker, the Rev. James Atchison of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries will continue the same theme. Any minister within the Southeast Conference may attend the Seminar. Contact the Rev. Dan Rosemergy, 700 Bresslyn Rd., Nashville, TN 37205 for additional information.

OLE THERMOMETER UNIVERSITY CONFERS DEGREES ...

At the 16th Annual Meeting of the SE Conference four persons were honored by the OUT, the institution of higher frivolity. The reluctant recipients and their prized degrees (suitable for framing) were:

Stephen Gray, Doctor of Exo-Suffolkian Apostolicity; Hubert and Hazel Richter, (Joint Degrees), Doctor of Co-Inherent Benevolocity; Reuben Sheares, Doctor of Polar Metaphorastic Charismatic Cracker-Jackism; and Sue Hartman, Doctor of Exultant Exciting Exiting Amanuensicity (Defrilatus Arrestus). Members of the faculty and the band/glee club presented a moving program, and once again the speeches were an inspiration to all.

OAK GROVE COUNTRY FAIR

In its 10th year over 10,000 will attend the OAK GROVE COUNTRY FAIR on August 21-22 at the Fair Grounds on Oak Grove Rd., 5 miles north of Pine Mountain, GA.

The Fair features exhibitors in many arts and crafts categories with a special area for children. Good country cooking will be available featuring the famous Oak Grove barbecue. Hours are 10 am-6 pm; admission \$2 for adults, \$1 for Senior Citizens; children under 12 and parking is free. Sponsored by the Oak Grove Congregational Christian Church, Pine Mountain, GA, the proceeds go to the Oak Grove Foundation for Christian Ministries outside the local church. Write Oak Grove Country Fair, Box 439, Pine Mountain, GA 31822 for further information.

CONFERENCE STAFF CHANGES

The Southeast Conference welcomes aboard a new Administrative Assistant, *Annette K. Piper* of Marietta, GA. She comes to the staff from Winston-Salem, NC, where she worked for the UCC Office for Church Life and Leadership's media resource office. Her experience working with an agency of the UCC and her skills in editing will be an asset to the Conference. Annette and her husband Charles are parents of two teenage girls. She is replacing *Sue Hartman*, who is moving to Jackson, MO, where her husband, Don, has accepted the pastorate of St. John's UCC. Good luck, Sue.

Another new face is *Nate Neely* of Atlanta, who is the Conference Bookkeeper. He is a member of Atlanta Central Congregational Church.

The Rev. *S. Daniel Rosemergy* of Nashville will serve as interim Associate Coordinator of the Ala-Tenn Association. He is doing graduate work at Vanderbilt Divinity School. Dan replaced the Rev. *Steve Gray*, who served that post and was pastor of Brookmeade UCC in Nashville. Steve has accepted the position of Assoc. Conference Minister for the Penn NE Conference. Good luck to you, too, Steve!

NEWS & NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Frey, lay minister of Robbins Parish in Tennessee, proudly announce the birth of a daughter, Meridith Elizabeth, born June 28, 1982.

Interim ministries: The Rev. Dr. Lee Gable to Brookmeade Congregational UCC in Nashville; the Rev. Harley Patterson to Pleasant Hill Community Church.

Madelon (Micki) Nunn-Miller was ordained by the Ala-Tenn Association in March. She and her husband Steve were recently featured in the *Chattanooga Times* in an article describing their work in the UCC.

The Reverend James Cantrell, pastor of First Congregational UCC in Savannah, GA, was the subject of an article in the *Savannah Evening News* "Men of the Cloth" series recently.

The Rev. Harold N. Auler, Jr., former pastor in the SE Conference, is retiring. He was recently at Pleasant Ridge, Ramseur, NC.

Our sympathy is extended to the families and friends of the following persons who have died recently:

The Rev. Oscar H. Armstrong, pastor, Columbus, GA United;
The Rev. Theodore C. Braun, Pleasant Hill, TN;
The Rev. David L. Evans, Pleasant Hill, TN;
Mrs. Clarice Sayers, mother of the Rev. Floyd Carmack.

In Brief

UCC PEWTER PENDANTS were purchased by many ministers and laypersons at the Annual Meeting. They make excellent gifts. The larger of two sizes is 2-1/2" in its longest dimension (\$7.50), the smaller is 1-3/4" (\$5.00); both have chains and are available at the Conference office. To order by mail add \$1.50 postage and handling. Make checks payable to the Southeast Conference, P.O. Box 29883, Atlanta, GA 30359.

AUDIO-VISUAL RESOURCES CATALOG BEING COMPILED

Below are titles of filmstrips, films and cassettes available to the churches in the Southeast Conference. A catalog describing these titles is in the process of being compiled and printed and will be mailed to all churches, Church School Superintendents and Christian Education Chairpersons when completed.

These resources may be used free of charge by the churches in the Conference. Request them several weeks in advance and return the materials to the Conference office after use, post paid.

Audio-visual resources add much to your local church or association event. Some ideas for us include Church Suppers Workshops, Church School and worship service. Take advantage of these and other materials available through the Conference office!

A

Abide With Us

Abraham

Adults and the Bible

Africa

Amos

An Apple is to Eat

B

Becoming Free

Bend in the River

Bible Story A-V Kit for Young Children

Boys and Girls of Burma

Building Bridges

C

Camping is Ageless

Camping with Junior High

Captive, The

CE:SA Story, The

A Church Live, A People Alive

Church Alive in Japan

Congregation Seeks Pastoral Leadership

Council of Nicaea

Covenant, The

Crusade Against Hunger

D

Daily Bread

Day Camping for Your Church

Dear Friend

Did You Hear That?

Display
Doing the Word: C.E. For Social Change

E

Each One Helps
Elon Home for Children
Equality Through Education
Eyewitness to Suffering

F

Face to Face
Festival of Passover, The
Five Parables of Jesus
Flannel Board
Flat Pictures
Friends in Deed
From Brokenness to Wholeness
From Upper Room to Crowded Street

G

Gift that Multiplies, A
Go Forth and Witness
God, the Creator
God's Wonderful World
Grave of an Unknown Salvadoran Refugee
Great Wall, The
Growing Power

H

Herod, King of Judea
Hide and Go Seek
High School Circus
Home Mission
Hope for Life
How John Grows Up In Mission
How Things Hide People
How to Organize for Audio Visual in Your Church
How to Use Motion Pictures in Your Church
Hunger
Hunger in the Global Community

I

In the Land of Fuysian
Is Your Church Burning?

J

Jacob
Jesus Christ Frees and Unites
Josiah

K

L

La Paloma De Esperanza
Laity is Me ... With You ... In the World
Let's Celebrate the Church
Liberate the Captives
Listen to Jerome
Life of Christ
Life of Paul

M

Matter of Stripes, A
Measure of a Moment
More than Meets the Eye
Moses
My Sister Hilwa

N

Nehemia
New Day in Ghana, A
New Family in Town, A
New Frontiers of Faith
New Roads to Faith
Nursery Leadership

O

On the Threshold
One Story of the Bible
Open My Eyes
Our Journey

P

Palestine in Jesus' Day
People of the Book
Pinch A Penny—Pitch A Penny
Planning and Conducting Vacation Church School
Planning for Education in the Congregation

Profiles of Promise
Puppy for Jose

Q

R
Refugee: In Search of Haven
Road to Zapotal
Roles and Goals

S
Search
Sending & The Sent, The
Shalom
Sharing
Sharing the Good News
Sharing with our World Family
Story of Joseph

T
Tackboard
Tangible Evidence, A
Teaching Third & Fourth Graders
Teaching with Learning Centers
Teaching Yourself to Teach
That Something More
Time to Rejoice
To Walk Together
Training Kit for Using Audio-Visuals in a Church
Two Faces of Faith, The

U
Uplands

V

W
What Do We See of Jesus?
When Did We See You?
Why Use Audio-Visuals in Your Church
Witness in the Americas
Wonderful Surprises!

X

Y

Yes, This We Do!
You Give Them Something to Ear
Young Adults & The Bible
Youth and the Bible

Z

Zimbabwe—A God Given Second Chance

WE HAVE A NEW LOOK!

The Southeast News is now being assembled and edited in the Conference office. We have many expectations of what this new format can do for the life of the church in the Southeast Conference. We hope it will keep our churches aware of what is taking place in the Conference and in the wider church, of new resources available and of upcoming events.

Please help us by sending articles and BLACK & WHITE photos for possible inclusion in the *News*. We hope you will send your comments and suggestions of how the *News* serves you and how we could serve you better. Our address is P.O. Box 29883, Atlanta, GA 30359.

BUTTON GWINNETT U.C.C. HOLDS GROUND BREAKING SERVICES

One of our new churches reached a significant goal on August 1 by observing ground breaking on its property in Gwinnett County, Georgia. The pastor, Rev. Joseph Irwin, and the congregation welcomed a large number of visitors, including Conference Moderator, Freda Brown, Conference Minister, Emmett Floyd, and neighborhood ministers. The architect and the contractor also took part in the ceremony. We wish them well in this step forward.

Curt's Nuggets

From the desk of Curtis Schumacher, Pleasant Hill, Tennessee:

Our lives should be an inspiration; our memory a benediction.

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